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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
KIICHIRO SAKASHITA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: KEITH, JACK W.  
SERIAL NO: 09/696,947 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 27, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3641  
FOR: AN ABSORBING ROD, AN :  
APPARATUS FOR INSERTING THE  
ABSORBING ROD, A CASK, AND A  
METHOD OF STORING SPENT FUEL  
ASSEMBLIES

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 2, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.